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7. Preliminary Amendment:

- a. _____ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- b. _____ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- c. _____ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
- "This is a _____ continuation
_____ divisional
of copending application(s) serial number ____/_____
filed on _____."
- d. _____ A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.

8. Small entity status:

- a. Applicant claims small entity status.
- b. Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer desired.

9. Fee Calculation:

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
|---|-----------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 72 -20 = | 52 | x 18.00 | 936.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 3 -3 = | --- | x 80.00 | --- |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d)) | | | 270.00 | -- |
| BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)) | | | | 710.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | 1,646.00 |
| REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | | | | -- |
| \$40.00 ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL FEE (if applicable) | | | | --- |
| TOTAL | | | | 1,646.00 |

10. X A check in the amount of \$ 1,646.00 is enclosed.
11. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. 02-3978 :
- a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

_____ A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until _____.

13. X An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto:

a. x Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet)

b. x Copies of references cited

14. _____ Certified copy of priority document(s)

15. X Return Receipt Postcard

16. _____ Other: _____

17. _____ An Assignment of the invention to _____ having an address of _____

a. _____ is attached.

b. _____ was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____.

c. x Applicant requests that the above assignee information be published with the application.

18. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Name of Attorney of Record Reg. No.

_____ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

_____ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on _____.

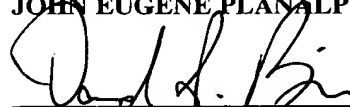
_____ A new power has been executed and is attached.

19. Correspondence Address: Please address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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